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**From:** Caloggero, Dina (DPH)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2011 5:25 PM  
**To:** Han, Linda (DPH)  
**Subject:** FW: ACA funding progress

Here is the extra verbiage that you need to include. Let me know if you need more. I am always happy to break away from my SA specific lab trainings.... ☺

Lab IT Programmatic Progress:

BLS has completed the ELR interfacing for the viral serology and reference bacteriology components, which will allow providers to electronically view test orders and receive and print test results. The interfacing uses Rhapsody IDE to exchange data with ELR and send results electronically to the MA Bureau of Infectious Disease (BID). Additional Rhapsody comm. points will be purchased to support this interfacing. BLS has also completed the detailed system requirements for the reference bacteriology and viral serology LIMS components. Code development has begun on the reference bacteriology electronic workcard and verification functions. The detailed requirements are gathered for the viral serology component and need to be reviewed and finalized them with the viral serology staff.

Workforce Issue: The Interoperability Manager funded under the grant remains vacant. Massachusetts continues to see significant decreases in tax receipts. In an effort to achieve cost savings, Massachusetts is in the process of consolidating IT services at the secretariat levels. This consolidation effort has resulted in freezing all new IT staff positions. Because of the critical need to perform the position functions, funding will be redirected to hire an IT contractor in this role until the hiring freeze is lifted.

Let me know if you need more...

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**From:** Kludt, Patricia (DPH)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2011 4:26 PM  
**To:** Han, Linda (DPH)  
**Cc:** Caloggero, Dina (DPH); McNamara, Ann (DPH)  
**Subject:** RE: ACA funding progress

Linda and Dina – Thank you for your progress towards your measures but I am including their whole request for progress. They are asking for things in addition to response to the measures. Please send along anything else that might pertain to their request. I am not sure who is more appropriate to respond to the second paragraph but they want specific information regarding progress in spending the funds. The budget people take care of the FSR but it seems CDC wants this addressed along with programmatic progress

Progress Report for First Budget Period (9/30/10-7/31/11) –

For Activities funded in 2010, provide a detailed report on progress to-date. Highlight significant successes or problems. Describe plans to address any problems or challenges. Provide evidence of how ELC cooperative agreement funds are being used to strengthen flexible epidemiology, laboratory and health information systems practice and contributed to effective disease surveillance and response by building these capacities (e.g., hiring flexible staff, conducting outbreak investigations, expanding surveillance, improving laboratory technology, etc.). **Specifically address progress against each measure of effectiveness (performance measure) included in your FY2010 ELC Affordable Care Act proposal.** CDC is tracking grantee progress against these measures and this information will be considered in determining funding for the second budget period.

In addition to programmatic progress, specifically describe progress in spending the funds awarded for the first budget period (see also the requirements for submitting the Financial Status Report in paragraph 4) Budget, below). Describe progress in filling positions (i.e., number funded in the Sept 2010 award, number filled as of x date, number expected to be filled by July 31, 2011). Describe progress in implementing any contracts, major equipment purchases, etc. Describe any challenges you may be experiencing in making expenditures and your plans to address them.

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**From:** Han, Linda (DPH)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2011 2:14 PM  
**To:** Kludt, Patricia (DPH)  
**Cc:** Caloggero, Dina (DPH)  
**Subject:** FW: ACA funding progress

Hi Pat:

See below for Dina's progress on objectives 6 and 8 of the ELC ACA IT Operational Plan. I am out next week, so if you need any further info re IT progress can you contact Dina directly please?

Thanks,  
Linda

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**From:** Caloggero, Dina (DPH)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2011 2:06 PM  
**To:** Han, Linda (DPH)  
**Subject:** RE: ACA funding progress

Progress report for Lab IT. Let me know if you need more.....

- By 7/31/11, influenza data will be able to be actively sent to the CDC in the PHLIP standard message format using PHINMS.

Update: MDPH is actively sending influenza data in real time in the PHLIP standard message format to the CDC using PHINMS.

- By 7/31/11, the remaining LIMS reference and viral serology LIMS components will be implemented and deployed into the SLIS system. Implementation will include ELR (HL7) interfacing and reporting to the BID MAVEN disease surveillance system.

Update: MDPH completed gathering the detailed system requirements and database design for the development of the IML Reference and BtB Serology LIMS components. Coding will take place shortly on the order entry, verification, workcard/worksheet and verification screens.